

**Statement of Rep. Mike Turner**  
**Ranking Republican Member**  
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*Ensuring Fairness and Accuracy in Elections Involving*  
*Electronic Voting Systems*

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for holding this very important hearing.

Since the 2000 presidential race, the federal government has been actively involved in seeking a uniform, accessible solution that helps ensure better elections. While overall, voting systems may have improved, we should continue to investigate our voting systems and make improvements when the need arises.

After Congress passed the bi-partisan Help America Vote Act in 2002, complaints arose regarding "Direct Recording Electronic" voting machines, which are commonly known as "touch screen" voting machines used for elections in a majority of states. The security and the accuracy in vote recording on these machines are of particular concern. Also, some accounts claim the operation of DRE machines may be confusing for some. To that end, we should address and resolve these issues.

Mr. Chairman, this is one reason why today's hearing is so important. We need honest feedback and thorough analysis of any problems encountered in these new voting systems.

Mr. Chairman, I also want to thank you for inviting a balanced panel that can give us all sides of the story. I look forward all the witnesses testimony and yield back the balance of my time.